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MAYOR BALLARD CELEBRATES LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., PRESENTS J.R. DALTON WITH THE LUCIOUS NEWSOM COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today presented J.R. Dalton with the Lucious Newsom Community Legacy Award at the 2012 City of Indianapolis Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration. The celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy encourages youth and adults to participate in activities that promote community service, diversity and equality.

At the event in the City-County Building's Beurt SerVaas Public Assembly Room, Mayor Ballard recognized Dalton for his continued commitment to serving his community. Dalton's many charitable activities include operating a soup kitchen on Ketcham Avenue, a food pantry on 10th Street, and a secondhand clothing and toy store, all of which provide resources to those in need in his Westside neighborhood.

"Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. exemplified leadership in service, and his legacy continues to be felt in communities across the country and here in Indianapolis," said Mayor Ballard. "Lucious Newsom lived a full life dedicated to service and selflessness. His legacy, like that of Dr. King, is alive in our city because of the positive work of individuals like J.R. Dalton. His dedication to feeding the hungry and helping to create better lives for Westside residents is exemplary. I am proud to recognize him as a leader in service for our city."

The City of Indianapolis created the Lucious Newsom Community Legacy Award in 2010, naming it after the Indianapolis resident to commemorate Newsom's life. For nearly two decades, Newsom answered the call to help the poor in Indianapolis and devoted his life to public service and assisting neighbors in need. The award honors individuals who promote outstanding dedication and selflessness in community service.

ABOUT J.R. DALTON

J.R. Dalton has lived in his Westside Indianapolis neighborhood his entire life. Seven years ago, he began using the proceeds from his tire business, J.R.'s Used Tires and Batteries, and his secondhand clothing and toy store, Dalton's Clothing Toy Ministries, to provide funds to support his efforts to feed the homeless and others in need in Indianapolis. His food-based charitable activities include operating a soup kitchen on Ketcham Avenue and Dalton's Place, a weekly food pantry at 3326 W. 10th St.

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